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ABC REVOKES LICENSE OF PROBLEM BAR

Bay Point – Eastern Contra Costa County— Investigators from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today posted a liquor license revocation notice on the door of the Port Chicago Club, 780 Port Chicago Highway A in Bay Point, Contra Costa County. The administrative action was taken against the owner of the Port Chicago Club because the owner is currently facing charges of attempted murder.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control has received multiple complaints about the Port Chicago Club from a number of community groups and the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department.

The license was revoked today and will stay in effect for 180 days to allow a transfer to another owner and a new location with a 30 day suspension followed by an indefinite suspension until transferred. The licensee has until April, 2005 to transfer the license to persons and premises acceptable to the Department.

ABC Director Jerry Jolly said, "By revoking the license of this bar, we will be improving the quality of life for residents in this area."

According to ABC records, On June 24, 2004, Victor Gutierrez, the owner of Port Chicago Club got into an argument with a patron, inside his own licensed premises. During the argument, Gutierrez left for a moment and returned with a hand gun. While the patron was sitting down in the premises the licensee reportedly shot the patron at point blank range. The licensee fled the scene but was soon captured. The patron did survive the shooting after surgery. The licensee is still in the Contra Costa County Jail and is awaiting trial for attempted murder. Based on the investigation and assistance from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, ABC was able to file an accusation to revoke the liquor license.